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For: CELL-PENETRATING SOCS POLYPEPTIDES

THAT INHIBIT CYTOKINE-INDUCED

SIGNALING

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 16, 2010. This response is being filed with a Petition for a retroactive three-month Extension of Time, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the appropriate fees. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional amount due or any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees on the filing or during prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.